GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2950
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SEIZURE OF HEROIN
RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `12 crore ki heroin aur 68 lakh nakad baramad` as appeared in the Lok Mat published from Nagpur (Maharashtra) dated the June 29, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts reported in the news-item; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government against the erring persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a)& (b) : Yes, Sir. The Air Intelligence Unit of the Commissionerate of Customs (Sahar), Mumbai, effected seizures ofIndian currency amounting to Rs.68.39 lakh and 11.742kg. of heroin in the night of 26th/27th June, 2002 in two separate cases. Two persons of Indian origin, holding Malaysian passports, were arrested in respect of the seizure of currency and one person holding a Guinean passport was arrested in respect of seizure of heroin.

(c) : The persons arrested in respect of the seizure of currency are liable to be prosecuted under the Customs Act, 1962 and the person arrested in respect of the seizure of heroin is liable to be prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1985,on completion of investigation in the respective cases.